



Dr Suzanna Goodison

PSYCHIATRIST | BVSC (Hons 1), MBBS, Mmed, FRANZCP

Overview

Dr Suzanna Goodison is a highly qualified and experienced Psychiatrist. She has extensive experience in medico-legal assessments and Dr Goodison has previously, and currently holds multiple positions in public health services as a Staff Specialist in major tertiary hospitals (Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist). These have included Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Prince of Wales hospital in Sydney, and Southern NSW local health district (covering up to 6 regional and rural hospitals). Her consultation liaison psychiatry work spans chronic pain, palliative care, oncology services, transplant and perinatal services, as well as general medical and surgical services including emergency department work. Dr Goodison is also a Visiting Medical Officer in Perinatal Psychiatry at St. John of God Hospital and Royal Hospital for Women, and a Conjoint Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of NSW.

As a specialist in consultation liaison psychiatry work (working at the interface of medical and surgical services within general hospitals), Dr Goodison has developed expertise in assessing, diagnosing and managing complex mental health issues and disorders, impacts of trauma (and intergenerational trauma) and providing evidence based care. Her background as a veterinary surgeon prior to undertaking medical training adds a unique perspective and broad depth of knowledge to her medical practice.

Dr Goodison is actively involved in teaching, supervision, and examination of medical students and psychiatry trainees. She participates in various committees and is currently the Chair of the RANZCP NSW CL Psychiatry subcommittee and is on the RANZCP NSW Perinatal mental health committee (SPIP). Her commitment to ongoing professional development, interdisciplinary collaboration and trauma informed care is evident throughout her career, making her a valuable asset to any health service and in medico-legal assessments.

Special Areas of Expertise

- CL Psychiatry (psychosomatic medicine- medical or surgical illness with psychiatric sequelae or comorbidity)
- Perinatal Psychiatry
- Emergency psychiatry
- Psychotic, Mood and Anxiety Disorders
- Historical and Institutional Abuse
- Psychiatric impacts of Trauma

Qualifications, Accreditations and Awards

- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons 1), University of Sydney
- Post Graduate Medicine, University of Sydney (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery)
- Masters of Medicine (Psychiatry), University of Sydney
- Fellow, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- Advanced Training Certificate, Consultation Liaison Psychiatry, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- NSW SIRA Trained Permanent Impairment Assessor
- WorkSafe Victoria Independent Medical Examiner
- Comcare Assessor
- AMA 5

Positions held

- Staff specialist CL Psychiatry NSW health
- Visiting Medical Officer, Perinatal Psychiatrist, St John of God Hospital, Burwood and RHW Randwick

Consulting Areas

- Sydney, NSW
- Telehealth